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1. ADCM HAD TOUR D'HORIZON WITH UNDP RESREP BORTHWICK JANUARY 16 ON GENERAL AFGHAN NARCOTICS PICTURE EMPHASIZING UN ROLE THEREIN. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH AFGHAN OFFICIALS SCHEDULED; CONSEQUENTLY, THIS CABLE WILL CONCENTRATE ON MARTENS PROPOSED VISIT.

2. BORTHWICK IN GENERAL REPEATED INFO AVAILABLE GENEVA REGARDING POSTPONEMENT MARTENS VISIT. BORTHWICK EMPHASIZED AFGHANS WANTED MARTENS VISIT BUT HAD MADE NO MENTION OF ANY DATE (CONTRARY IN LATTER INSTANCE TO WHAT MARTENS SAID). GHAUS HAD URGED MARTENS NOT COME IN JANUARY BECAUSE AFGHANS IN GENERAL AND HE (GHAUS) IN PARTICULAR WERE NOT PREPARED. (GHAUS HAS JUST RETURNED FROM FOUR MONTHS AT UM .) BORTHWICK ADDED HE HIMSELF WAS UNAWARE OF ANY PLAN FOR MARTENS VISIT IN KABUL IN MARCH AND WONDERED WHETHER PROPOSED TIMING WOULD CONFLICT WITH ITINERARY SUBCOMMISSION ON NARCOTICS WHICH HE UNDERSTANDS WILL MAKE SECOND COUNTRY SWING THIS SPRING (MFA'S MAARIFI IS AFGHAN MEMBER). BORTHWICK FAVORS MARTENS

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VISIT AND HOPES IT CAN BE USEFUL SUBSTANTIVELY AS WELL AS

COSMETICALLY.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, BORTHWICK AND ADCM DISCUSSED VISIT AT SOME LENGTH. AT END OF DISCUSSION, BORTHWICK INDICATED HE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF (A) HE ASKED GENEVA TO SEND DRAFT REQUEST WHICH HE COULD PRESENT TO AFGHANS FOR THEM TO SEND TO IBRD REQUESTING ECONOMIC SURVEYS BADA KHSHAN AND NANGAR HAR PROVINCES OR (B) FOR DAVIES AND OSMAN VISIT KABUL IN NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS AND PREPARE SUBH REQUEST WITH AFGHANS. BORTHWICK BELIEVED AFGHAN REQUEST TO IBRD SHOULD BE IN TRAIN PRIOR MARTENS VISIT. (WE WILL DISCUSS POSSIBILITY WITH IBRD REP MYINT ASAP FOR HIS REACTION AND REGARDING FUNDING.)

4. BORTHWICK STATED DESIRE KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH EMBASSY ON DEVELOPMENTS AND STRATEGY. HE SAID HE HAD NOT REALIZED UNTIL PAST WEEK EXTENT TO WHICH UNDP WOULD BE INVOLVED IN ANY FUTURE ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAM IN AFGHANISTAN. HE ADDED HE HOPED OBTAIN ADDITIONAL ADVISER ON HIS STAFF FOR THIS PURPOSE (THIS COULD BE DAVIES, WHO BORTHWICK HOPES WILL SOON BE HEADQUARTERED IN KABUL). IN MEANTIME, AS INDICATED PREVIOUSLY, UNDP STAFF MEMBER FRITZ LOEBUS HAS BEEN ASSIGNED LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES. LOEBUS HAS KEPT IN TOUCH WITH MININTERIOR OFFICIALS ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.

5. WE ARE IN PROCESS DEVELOPING FURTHER INFO ON STATUS NEW CONSPITUION, SUBJECT WHICH HAS UP TO NOW BEEN CLOSELY HELD. WE WILL COMMENT IN SEPTTEL.
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